

**JULY 28, 2004 MEETING**  
**374 HALL OF ADMINISTRATION**  
**MINUTES**

**Present**

**Commissioners**

Steven Afriat, President  
Renee Campbell, Vice President  
James Barger, Secretary  
Diana Wood

**County Representatives**

Mike Bohlke, Second District  
Maria Cerdas, Second District  
Jonathan Geller, County Counsel  
Steve Jimenez, Treasurer-Tax  
Deputy Ernie Barbosa, Sheriff  
Deputy Maricella Valdivia, Sheriff

**Absent**

Sylvia Robledo

**Commission Services Staff**

Steve Erickson

**Court Reporter**

Kimberly Anton

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Afriat called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**MINUTES:**

**ACTION TAKEN: MINUTES of July 21, 2004 – Approved**

**Motion: Commissioner Barger, seconded by Vice President Campbell**

**Vote: Unanimously carried**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON RECOMMENDATION TO DENY PUBLIC EATING LICENSE  
NO. 0652-117799**

Samuel & Rosa Martinez  
El Ateño Bar  
10213 Inglewood Ave.  
Inglewood – Second District

Sheriff's Deputy Ernie Barbosa reported that the applicant's bar had been closed since the last Commission public hearing on July 14, 2004. He went on to describe complaints and problems at the business since 1996, including physical violence, narcotics arrests and gang activity. He also reported on a recent citation of residents who live adjacent to the bar.

Maria Cerdas, Second District Field Deputy for the Lennox area, spoke on community complaints and ABC fines and investigations against the business.

Scott McCabe, the applicants' attorney, reported on a court action to evict residents near the bar site and noted that the applicant had owned the bar for 25 years.

Applicant Samuel Martinez noted he hadn't been involved in the day-to-day operations of the business due to illness and that he had recently released the operating manager Pedro Garcia because of this matter. He further indicated he would consent to restrictions on his business such as hiring a security guard and restricting hours of operation. He also reported on plans for his sisters to run the business.

Alfonso Cerda, friend of the applicant, reported that the business had been leased to Pedro Garcia and spoke on gang activity at the bar. He provided updated pictures of the bar facility since its recent renovation.

Steve Jimenez, Treasurer Tax, indicated the license is issued to the business owner only.

Idima Jacques, the applicant's sister, spoke on plans to run the business.

The Commission then closed the public hearing.

After making a motion to deny the above license, Vice President Campbell explained that the applicants haven't complied with license terms, citing substantial evidence of gang and criminal activity at the bar.

President Afriat similarly explained that he would vote to deny the license because of testimony indicating gang activity, ABC license violations and improper management.

**ACTION TAKEN:**    **The Commission upheld the recommendation to deny the above license.**

**Motion:**               **Vice President Campbell, seconded by President Afriat**

**Vote:**                 **Unanimously carried**

President Afriat explained that Commission staff would notify the applicants about their appeal rights.

**CONSENT CALENDAR CHARITABLE SOLICITATIONS**

Southern California Conference of Seventh Day Adventists  
1535 E. Chevy Chase Drive  
Glendale, CA

Childhelp USA, Greater Los Angeles Chapter  
1345 No. El Centro Ave.  
Hollywood, CA

**ACTION TAKEN:**    **The Notice of Intention to Solicit Applications were approved.**

**Motion:**               **Commissioner Barger, seconded by President Afriat**

**Vote:**                 **Unanimously carried**

**MATTERS NOT ON POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR ACTION AT A FUTURE MEETING):**

The Commission agreed to continue the public hearing on the Jin's Dance Studio business license from August 4, 2004 to August 18, 2004.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Sal Mesa reported on street vendor violations in the unincorporated area of East Los Angeles.

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:** Vice President Campbell commended Deputy Barbosa and Deputy Valdivia for their work on today's hearing.

ADJOURNMENT: The Commission adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

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Steven Afriat  
President